

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No 02-763-B (400/129))**

In the Application of:)	
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Examiner: Bowman, Amy H.
Serial No.: 10/667,271)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Filing Date: September 16, 2003)	
)	Confirmation No. 8658
For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition)	
Of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Gene)	
Expression Using Short Interfering)	
Nucleic Acid (siNA))	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 28, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2006 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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